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The strategic sectors are:

1. Arms and Ammunitions and the allied items of defence equipments, defence aircrafts and warships.
2. Atomic Energy (except in the areas related to generation of nuclear power and application of radiation and radio isotopes to agriculture, medicine and non-strategic industries).
3. Railway transport

All other PSEs would be strategic. The reduction of government share in these will not be automatic. The manner and pace of doing so could be worked out on case to case basis.

PSUs without permanent chiefs

47. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) how many PSUs do not have permanent chiefs (and top directors);
- (b) how many of the current top board level appointments are on a temporary basis; and
- (c) how many recommendations of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) have been put on hold, or not implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) 24 posts of Chief Executives and 39 posts of full time Directors were vacant as on 30.6.2000.

- (b) 16 Board level posts are held on temporary basis.
- (c) 25 recommendations of PESB are pending implementation with various Ministries/Departments.

Curtailling the powers of PESB

48. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken any decision to curtail the powers of the Public Enterprises Selection Board; and